



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1144

LCO No. 4756



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING REBUILT ASSAULT WEAPONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 53-202c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) Except as provided in section 53-202e, any person who, within
5 this state, possesses any assault weapon, except as provided in sections
6 29-37j, 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, and 53-202o and subsection (h) of
7 section 53a-46a, shall be: [guilty]

8 (1) Guilty of a class D felony and shall be sentenced to a term of
9 imprisonment of which one year may not be suspended or reduced, [;]
10 except that a first-time violation of this [subsection] subdivision shall
11 be a class A misdemeanor if [(1)] (A) the person presents proof that he
12 lawfully possessed the assault weapon prior to October 1, 1993, and
13 [(2)] (B) the person has otherwise possessed the firearm in compliance
14 with subsection (d) of section 53-202d, and

15 (2) Guilty of a class C felony and shall be sentenced to a term of
16 imprisonment of which two years may not be suspended or reduced if
17 such person violates the provisions of this section by possessing an
18 assault weapon assembled from a part or any combination of parts that
19 include a part bearing a serial number of an assault weapon for which
20 a certificate of possession was issued, if (A) such assault weapon does
21 not match the description filed pursuant to section 53-202d with
22 respect to the certificate of possession and (B) such person knew or
23 reasonably should have known that a certificate of possession was
24 issued with respect to such serial number.

25 Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the
26 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
27 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

28 (2) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a
29 firearm into an assault weapon, as defined in subdivision (1) of this
30 subsection, or any combination of parts from which an assault
31 weapon, as defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection, may be
32 [rapidly] assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the
33 control of the same person;

34 Sec. 3. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the
35 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
36 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

37 (4) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a
38 firearm into an assault weapon, as defined in subdivision (3) of this
39 subsection, or any combination of parts from which an assault
40 weapon, as defined in subdivision (3) of this subsection, may be
41 [rapidly] assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the
42 control of the same person.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	53-202c(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	53-202a(a)(2)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	53-202a(a)(4)

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an enhanced penalty for any person who knowingly rebuilds a banned assault weapon with a part that bears a serial number from an assault weapon for which a certificate of possession was issued and that was lawfully possessed prior to 1994.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]